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SUBJ: CHILE COUP AND SOCIALIST SYMPATHY

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SOMALI NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO MOGADISCIO CONTINUE TO OPPOSE
MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE, AND TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR ALLENDE
FOLLOWERS.

THE SONNA ENGLISH DAILY NEWS BULLETIN, SEPT. 25, PUBLISHED
A TASS ARTICLE TITLED - "TERROR IN CHILE." EXCERPTS AS FOLLOWS:
"WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IS WRATHFULLY PROTESTING AGAINST THE
BLOODY TERROR UNLEASHED BY THE MILITARY IN CHILE. POLITICIANS
AND PUBLIC FIGURES IN DIFFERENCE COUNTRIES PLEDGE SOLIDARITY
WITH THE STRUGGLE OF CHILE'S PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN DEFENCE
OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS..."

THE OCTOBER STAR, SOMALI DAILY, CARRIED A FRONT PAGE HEAD-
LINE, SEPT. 25, TITLED - "THE CHILEAN EXPERIMENT AND THE
THIRD WORLD."

EXCERPTS AS FOLLOWS: "THE 10TH SEPTEMBER REACTIONARY
COUP IN CHILE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT
SAVADOR ALLENDE WAS A GREAT SET-BACK TO THE SOCIALIST DEVELOP-
MENT OF THAT COUNTRY... THE REACTIONARY COUP IN CHILE REMINDS
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THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA THAT IMPERIALISM

IS AGAINST THEIR INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND PROGRESS. THE PEOPLES OF THE THIRD WORLD MUST THEREFORE UNITE AND COOPERATE IN THE FACE OF IMPERIALISM."

THE SECRETARY OF CULTURE AND HIGHER EDUCATION HELD A LECTURE SEPT. 25 AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ON, "DR. SALVADOR ALLENDE, CHILE AND WORLD IMPERIALISM."

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SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO PROPAGANDIZE THE OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE AND HIS SOCIALIST SUPPORTERS BY THE MILITARY JUNTA, AND TO SEEK SYMPATHETIC SUPPORT FROM THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS QUITE OBVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED ITS EASTERN BLOC AND ASSOCIATED FOLLOWERS TO CARRY ON A UNITED EFFORT TO MAKE ALLENDE A MARTYR, AND TO DISCREDIT THE NEW MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE. SOMALIA, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS RECEIVED A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF TASS ARTICLES ON THE SUBJECT, AND THE SOMALI MEDIA HAS GIVEN MAXIMUM SUPPORT AND PUBLICITY.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE CHILE COUP ALSO PROVIDES THE SOVIETS WITH A CONVENIENT VEHICLE TO OFFSET SOME OF THE CHALLENGING STATEMENTS BEING PUBLISHED ABOUT SOVIET DISSIDENTS. FORTUNATELY, THE USIS NEWS BULLETIN CARRIED THE KUBISCH DENIAL OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP THE SAME DAY TO ALL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND SCHOOLS.

END LOU (COMMENT). MACK

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